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Dear Professor van Niekerk:

This is to invite you to meet with me and my staff, as well as with other Department officers with human rights responsibilities, when you visit Washington in September.

Mr. Charles Runyon of the Department's Legal Division has spoken very highly of your expert knowledge and personal experience in the area of South African Government apartheid policies. I think it would be most useful to have the benefit of your views and to exchange thoughts on this extremely important human rights problem.

Please be good enough to let Mr. Runyon or Mr. Robert Maxim of my staff know your Washington schedule so that we may arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Mr. Maxim's telephone number is 632-2126, Room 7802 of the State Department, Washington, D.C. 20520

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